



Virginia Green Hotels & Lodging Facilities



Homewood Suites by Hilton Dulles - North Ashburn, VA

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations, and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

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Virginia Green Activities

This facility pledges that they:

Offer optional linen service

- Have signage in each guest room explaining the linen reuse procedures
- Change linens only upon request
- Train housekeeping staff on our process for optional linen service
- Track optional linen participation rate
- Purchase water- and energy-efficient washers and dryers
- Use non-phosphate, non-toxic and biodegradable laundry detergents
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use an ozone laundry system that greatly minimizes the need for detergents and saves water
- Use a service that has environmentally-preferable wet cleaning for dry-clean only items
- Line dry linens whenever possible

Recycle

- Glass Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Aluminum cans

- Newspaper
- Office paper
- Other items recycled by the facility:
- Printer/ copy machine toner cartridges
- Batteries
- Electronics equipment such as computers, etc.

Reduce solid waste

- Have a numeric goal to reduce overall materials that go to the landfill
- Use refillable shampoo bottles rather than single-use bottles
- Instruct housekeeping staff to save and reuse unopened items
- Recycle fryer grease
- Have an effective food inventory control system to minimize waste
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments, cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitchers to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Purchase recycled-content paper-towels and toilet paper
- Make double-sided photocopies and avoid making extra photocopies
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible
- Use green cleaning products that are dispensed in bulk
- Use latex, low or no-VOC paints

Use water efficiently

- Have established a numeric goal to reduce water consumption over time
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Use microfiber technology mops
- Have landscaping that utilizes native species
- Have installed drip line irrigation

Conserve energy

- Have had an energy audit to identify efficiency opportunities within the past 12 months
- Have established a numeric goal to reduce energy usage over time
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Have installed a high efficiency HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed if HVAC system is on
- Have adopted a policy/practice to minimize the use of lighting during night cleaning
- Have adopted a policy/practice to turn off fans, computers, monitors and other devices in unoccupied rooms at the end of the workday or when otherwise not being used
- Use alternative fuel, hybrid-electric, or electric vehicles
- Generate electricity from photovoltaic solar panels

- Are working to or have achieved LEED-EB (existing building) certification through operational changes and renovations

Offer a green events package

- Include the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages (see the factsheet on Environmentally-Responsible Conferences & Events)

For more information on **Homewood Suites by Hilton Dulles - North**, see www.dullesnorthloudoun.homewood.com or www.dullesnorthloudoun.homewoodsuites.com or contact Ahmad Erbinieh at ahmad.erbinieh@gmail.com or 703-723-7500.

For more information on the Virginia Green program, see www.deq.state.va.us/Programs/PollutionPrevention/VirginiaGreen.aspx.



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